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**PRESIDENT, ACCOMPANIED BY
WIFE AND SEVERAL FRIENDS,
STARTS ON VACATION JAUNT****One of Harding's Last Acts Today Was to Order
War Vets Given Preference in Civil Service
Exams—Regards World Court as Greatest Step
From Rule of Force Toward Regulation by Law**

Washington, March 5.—President Harding, accompanied by a party of friends left Washington today on a special train for Florida where they will take a vacation house-boat trip of more than a month.

The presidential special pulled out a few minutes after noon for an uninterrupted run to Ormond, Fla., where the party is to board the house-boat. It was Mrs. Harding's first appearance outside the White House grounds since her serious illness of last summer, but she appeared almost her old self and stood on the observation platform waving farewell until the train was out of sight.

Preference For Vets

One of President Harding's last acts before his departure for Florida, was to direct the civil service commission

**MORSE ALMOST STOPS
ATTY. GEN'S VACATION****Wanted Him, Lasker and
Payne Subpoenaed But
Papers Are Not Served**

Washington, March 5.—An attempt by legal process to prevent Attorney General Daugherty, Chairman Lasker of the Shipping Board and John Barton Payne, chairman of the Red Cross from leaving Washington for a vacation trip with President Harding in Florida, was begun and then abandoned today shortly before the hour set for the departure of the president's special train.

At the request of attorneys for Charles W. Morse, the New York shipbuilder whose trial here on charges of fraud in connection with war-time ship contracts, was set next Wednesday, the United States marshal's office issued subpoenas requiring the three men to appear in court on the opening day of the trial as witnesses for the defense.

While a deputy marshal was trying to serve the subpoenas however, District Attorney Gordon conferred with the Morse counsel and it was agreed that the attempt would be abandoned. It was said that other subpoenas might be issued later, asking that one or more of the three men return from Florida to appear in court.

Both the attorney general and Mr. Lasker, it was said, were to be asked under the plan of the Morse attorneys to bring into court certain records of their offices in connection with war-time ship contracts. The testimony of Mr. Payne, a former board chairman, was asked for in connection with the making of the contracts.

The compromise was understood to have provided for a postponement of the trial date until March 13.

The district of Columbia supreme court today sustained the motion of the government to dismiss a demurrer which sought to quash the indictments against Morse, his three sons and Rupert M. Much, former secretary of the Virginia Shipbuilding company. Several of the defendants in order to straighten out a kink in the procedure again entered formal pleas of not guilty.

The court rejected the contention of the defendants that the presence of a representative of the department of justice at the grand jury hearings had invalidated the jury's findings.

**GRAND JURY HEARING
KU KLUX KLAN CASES****Activities of Hooded Bands
in Moorehouse Parish
Outlined to Jurymen**

Bastrop, La., March 5.—A grand jury was organized here today to consider evidence in connection with the Moorehouse Parish hooded band atrocities, alleged acts of the Ku Klux Klan. Immediately upon empanelling the jury District Judge Fred M. Odum read his charge to the jury. "I desire to call your special attention to certain violations of the law, which have been more or less frequent in Moorehouse Parish during the last year or more," the judge said. "I refer especially to the activities of bands of hooded or masked men who have on different occasions, kidnapped, beaten and deported citizens of the Parish, and more especially the incident on the Bastrop and Mer Rouge public road on August 24, 1922, when scores of citizens on their way home from Bastrop were held up, five of them were beaten and turned loose, one turned loose without punishment, the other two not having been seen alive since. The incidents need no further specific mention by me. The details were fully gone into at the public hearing here some time ago.

"I call your special attention to and urge your most careful thorough and vigorous investigation of these violations of the law. There are in these violations involved principles which are of more than ordinary concern to us all; because in them there is

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to give certain preference to veterans of the world war in their service for positions under the civil service law.

His World Court Stand

President Harding looks upon the court of international justice as "one of the greatest advances which world society has made toward conditions in which at last the rule of law may be substituted for the rule of force," he wrote Lieutenant Governor Earl D. Bloom of Ohio today in response to a resolution of the Ohio state senate commending him "for his courageous stand in urging American participation."

Allen Property Ruling

President Harding today signed an executive order vesting in the alien property custodian "all power and authority conferred upon me to carry out provisions of the new American property act which provides for the return to former enemy aliens of seized property to the value of \$10,000 and under."

The alien property custodian under the order is empowered to withdraw from the treasury any money or property on deposit together with interest or income received from the property for the purpose of making payments under the act.

Tolbert Now Marshal

A recess appointment of United States marshal for the western district of South Carolina was given by President Harding today to Joseph W. Tolbert, a republican leader in that state, whose nomination failed of confirmation after one of the bitterest patronage fights of the Harding administration.

**MISSING SINCE 1893, MAN
RETURNS TO HOME TO DIE****John Hult, Sought By Police 30 Years
Ago For Wife Murder, Dies
At Sister's Home**

Elyria, Ohio, March 5.—With advice to "take care of him—he's got just one week to live," a stranger appeared at the old Hult homestead on West Broad street eight days ago with a sick, helpless cripple, whom he deposited at the door and left. The cripple died last night and was identified as John Hult, a college graduate, who disappeared in December 1892 on the street during the murder of his wife in Cleveland.

Of late years the old homestead has been occupied by his sister, Miss Julia Hult who lives there alone.

Eight days ago a stranger rang the doorbell and asked Miss Hult if she had a brother.

"I had," she said. "He's been away for years."

"Well, here he is. Take care of him—the doctor says he's got one week to live," said the stranger.

His sister helped him to bed. To all pleas that she send for a physician the man protested, and the sister acceded to his wishes. Hult preserved silence concerning himself.

Hult and his wife separated in 1892. A few days later his wife was stabbed to death in Cleveland.

Hult's description was sent broadcast, but despite his easily recognizable appearance—his left arm was missing and his left eye gone—he never was located.

WAR ON STANDARD OIL**Independent Dealers Plan to Advise,
Boosting Those Who Do Not
Handle S. O. Products**

St. Louis, March 5.—What delegates described as a declaration of independence will be made at the convention of the National Petroleum Marketers Association, which opens tomorrow. The meeting will continue through Thursday.

The "declaration" probably will be in effect the public display of emblems declaring members of the association are not connected with any of the Standard Oil companies, it was explained by delegates arriving today. These emblems probably will be displayed at all oil filling stations not controlled by the Standard companies. An extensive advertising campaign announcing companies which are not connected with the Standard companies is contemplated.

MAYFIELD'S DENIAL**Senator-elect From Texas, Declares
Charges Preferred Against Him Are
Absolutely False**

Washington, March 5.—Senator-elect Earl B. Mayfield of Texas today gave out a statement here declaring "infamous and absolutely false" the election contest charges filed recently with the senate by George E. B. Paddy, the republican-independent democratic candidate for senator, defeated by Mr. Mayfield last November.

Mr. Paddy had charged that Senator-elect Mayfield belonged to the Ku Klux Klan and had entered a conspiracy with its members by which his election was fraudulent. The statement today of Mr. Mayfield declared Mr. Paddy's election contest "a continuation of a campaign of misrepresentation and abuse."

**M'NARY REFUSES TO
TAKE APPOINTMENT****Declines Harding's Offer to Make
Him Comptroller of Currency****NEW POSTMASTER GENERAL**

Former Senator Harry S. New Takes Office This Morning and Dr. Work, His Predecessor, Goes in As Secretary of the State Library, Hartford, Conn.

5.—James G. O., whose nomination for comptroller of the currency failed of confirmation by the senate, was offered a recess appointment to the place today by President Harding but replied that he could not accept.

Afterward it was announced that D. G. Crissinger, the present comptroller, would continue in that office for the present, despite the fact that he had been nominated and confirmed as governor of the federal reserve bank.

Campbell to Be Named

It was made known that Mr. Harding had directed not to hold longer the commission of Michael D. Campbell of Michigan as the "dirt farmer" member of the reserve board. Although confirmed several weeks ago, the president had refrained from signing his commission pending a senate decision on the McNary nomination.

President Harding today gave recess appointments to Elmer S. Landes of Ohio, republican, and Merion L. Corey of Nebraska, democrat, as directors of the federal farm loan board.

Harding Sorry

Regret over Mr. McNary's refusal to take a recess appointment was expressed by White House officials who said that for a long time the president had sought a southern man for comptroller and that the selection finally had been made without any solicitation on the part of Mr. McNary.

Announcement of the latest steps taken in the row over the comptrollership was made after a conference between the president, Mr. McNary and Mr. Crissinger. A letter from Mr. McNary later was made public at the White House.

McNary's Letter

"I beg to express my great appreciation of the high honor you have again conferred upon me by reappointing me with a recess appointment for the office of comptroller of the currency," he wrote.

"I am most grateful to you for your continued confidence and friendship and for your unfailing support during the contest to prevent my confirmation."

No one knows as well as you that I did not seek the office. To take this office oath means not only severing all present banking connections, but debars me from renewing them for two years after leaving office. Also

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**'PHONE OFFICIAL IS
NEAR DEATH FROM GAS****T. P. McAuliffe Overcome in
Locked Bathroom, Rescued by Brother**

T. P. McAuliffe, district manager of the Southern New England Telephone company, had a narrow escape from death Saturday evening when he was overcome by gas fumes while locked inside a bathroom. So near death was he that it is understood a physician stated he would have died in less than five minutes had he not been rescued when he was.

Mr. McAuliffe was heating the bathroom with a small gas heater while he was taking a bath early in the evening. The window in the bathroom was closed and the burning gas generated a carbonic acid gas which gradually poisoned his system without his realizing the danger until it was too late.

Suddenly the telephone official realized he was ill and had grown extremely weak. He stepped out of the tub and attempted to reach the door but sank unconscious to the floor.

When no sound was heard from the bathroom after a reasonable length of time, members of the family, where Mr. McAuliffe and his brother, Vincent N., are living at 20 South Burritt street, became alarmed and the brother was notified. Repeated calls were not answered. Finally gas fumes were noticed escaping from the room. Attempts to break open the door failed and the brother ran to the outside of the house where he smashed through a window, finding the stricken man lying in a heap on the floor, unconscious from gas and blood streaming from a cut in his head received from the flying glass.

Medical aid was summoned immediately. Dr. J. M. Bush was first to reach the scene, and Dr. A. P. Bush arrived soon afterwards. Grave doubts were entertained for the patient's recovery. His body had grown rigid, his eyes were glassy, his jaws set and his entire body blue and cold. His heart was almost stopped, it being practically impossible to notice any pulse beat.

The brother attempted to induce artificial respiration but found this next to impossible because of the rigidity of the patient's arms and muscles. It is said the physician stated that within five minutes, if he had not been rescued, Mr. McAuliffe would have been dead. A powerful drug was administered, which stimulated the heart action, and gradually the muscles relaxed until Sunday morning he had practically recovered.

**LIMELIGHT CALLED;
SCHWARM HEARD IT****Desire to Bask in Publicity Led to
"Prince's" Undoing****"DID IT ONLY FOR FUN"**

While Masquerading Under Titles of European Nobility.

Desire for the limelight and knowledge that society people admire almost to the point of worship anyone in a foreign uniform, were reasons given by Harold C. Schwarm to Chief of Detectives William P. McCue, when questioned at detective headquarters. "I did it just to have some fun," the home-made nobleman stated. Thus in a short sentence he explains the whole story of how he took New York by storm and, by posing as the last of the Bourbons, and at times member of other branches of foreign nobility, found the bronze doors of New York's aristocratic mansions swinging open to give him a "royal" welcome.

For six weeks the fake prince, count, etc., went the giddy round of the social whirl in New York. He masqueraded as other characters in Worcester, Boston and other cities and is accused of having married more wives than the laws of the country allow.

He admitted two marriages to the police yesterday. It is claimed. He said he had selected the title "Prince Louis Henri de Chateroux de Bussigny de Bourbon," from the family name of Mademoiselle de Maupin, a mistress of Louis XII, of France, and from reading. He admitted also hav-

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MERIDEN MAN A SUICIDE**Peter Faeth, 65, Fearing Blindness,
Ends Life With Bullet—Leaves
Wife and Three Sons.**

Meriden, March 5.—Peter Faeth, 65, committed suicide by shooting in his home at 32 Meridian street early this morning. He had suffered from trouble of the eyes for two years and was said to fear total blindness. He leaves a widow, a four year old son and two grown sons in New Haven by a former marriage.

GAMBLERS ARE FINED**Meriden, Lunchroom Man Pays \$100
and 21 Frequenters Are Assessed**

Meriden, March 5.—James Welton, whose lunch room in the center of the city was raided by two detectives early this morning, was fined \$100 and costs in the police court today on a charge of running a gambling house. Twenty-one frequenters settled for \$10 apiece, and a bond of \$15 was declared forfeited in the case of a twenty-second frequenter.

**120 Cases of Liquor Are
Seized on Stratford Boat**

Bridgeport, March 5.—One hundred and twenty cases of liquor were seized by federal and local police on the 40-foot power boat, Giant, at Short Beach, Stratford, early today. Three men were arrested. Herbert Buck, said by the police to be the owner of the boat, Vincent Sullivan and Harold Peterson. All live in Stratford. The Giant is said to have received her cargo at Block Island. Federal officials who have been watching for three weeks, discovered her as she was making for a dock at 2 o'clock this morning. Those arrested are being held for hearing before United States Commissioner Lavery.

**J. L. Wessels, 86, Dean of
Conn. Mayors, Dies Today**

Bridgeport, March 5.—John L. Wessels, 86, a former mayor of this city, and dean of former mayors of the cities of the state, died at his home in Norman street today. He had been a commuter on the New Haven road between Bridgeport and New York for 50 years. He had engaged in the wholesale fruit business for almost his entire business years, and for 25 years was a bank president. His wife, and several nieces and nephews who live in Greenwich and Port Chester, survive.

HIT BY AUTO, DYING

New Haven, March 5.—Richard Saunders, 52, an orderly at the Allington hospital was believed to be dying this noon from injuries received when struck by an automobile said to have been driven by William L. Hadden, law partner of Mayor D. E. Fitzgerald.

A "MAYFLOWER DESCENDANT"

Sterling, March 5.—Alfred Gallup, 84, former member of the general assembly, died yesterday at his home on Eakon Hill. An ancestor, the paternal side, came from England on the Mayflower. Mr. Gallup was born in the house in which he died. He had held various town offices. A sister, aged 89 survives.

THE WEATHER

Hartford, March 5.—Forecast for New Britain and vicinity: Fair and somewhat colder tonight; Tuesday increasing cloudiness, probably snow or rain by afternoon or night; diminishing northwest shifting to northeast winds.

**SELF-APPOINTED PRINCE IN COURT;
POLICE LATER CHARGE PERJURY AND
SCHWARM IS HELD IN \$2,000 BONDS****THE POLICEMAN AND THE "PRINCE"
AT THE END OF A COLORFUL CAREER****Chief of Detectives McCue and Harold C. Schwarm Snapped By
"Herald" Photographer Soon After the Latter Was Arrested****Schwarm's Pretty Bubble Bursts
As He Is Lodged in Police Cell****Castles in Spain Come Tumbling Down About His Ears
As Iron Door Clangs Shut.**

From imaginary castles in Europe to a very real cell at New Britain headquarters has been the sudden transition of Harold C. Schwarm, of this city who has been known throughout the east and middle west under various aliases, such as Prince Louis Henri de Chatteroux Bousigny de Bourbon, Harold L. de St. Claire, Dr. Harold A. VanBuren, a surgeon general in the Russian army, and several other distinguished names, as well as plain Percy Jenkins. Schwarm, at various times, a shop hand in the New Britain Machine Co., a dish washer in restaurants, a pin boy in bowling alleys and an employ of hospitals, had his career halted yesterday when he was arrested by Chief of Detectives William P. McCue. Today he stood before Judge B. W. Alling in police court and pleaded not guilty to a technical charge of breach of the peace, based on information to which he swore when he obtained a license in this city on March 19, 1921, to marry Lillian Willkomerson of No. 1 West 112th street, New York city. At that time he posed as R. M. Van de Vere. They were married by Albert A. Greenberg, as justice of the peace. Found at Sister's Home.

Schwarm was taken into custody yesterday morning. About 10 o'clock Chief William C. Hart received information by telephone that the man who was sought by the police in New York, Boston, New Britain and other cities, could be found at the home of his sister, Mrs. Ernest Anderson of 257 Stanley street. Knowing that Chief of Detectives McCue had been on Schwarm's trail for several months, Chief Hart turned the case over to him. Half an hour later, McCue and Schwarm were closeted in the former's office.

As soon as he had received the information from his superior that Schwarm was in the city, McCue went to the Stanley street address, found his man and invited him to go to police headquarters. After asking a few questions, McCue felt satisfied that he

**CITY BOARDS MUST KEEP
WITHIN APPROPRIATION****Resolution to This Effect
Will Be Presented at
Tax Meeting**

Adoption of the entire budget of the board of finance and taxation, including an appropriation for a two-platoon system in the fire department and calling for a 21.7-10 mills tax is expected at tonight's session of the city meeting board, called for 8 o'clock at the Central Junior High school auditorium on Main street.

There have been no amendments submitted within the time required by law and nothing remains to be done but to accept or reject in its entirety the proposed budget.

To guard against special taxes during the year of deficiency budgets toward the close of the fiscal year, Finance Commissioner P. A. Scario will submit the following resolution tonight with the approval of the mayor:

"Whereas—It has been necessary during the last few years to adopt a deficiency or supplementary budget before the close of the fiscal year and to lay a tax, therefore, and,

"Whereas—It is the intent of this meeting that the budget for the fiscal year 1923-1924 and the tax laid therefor shall cover the requirements of the several departments in detail and in total as shown by the budget and tax laid therefor for said full fiscal year,

"Resolved—That it is the sense of this meeting that no obligations or

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**Masquerader Originally
Charged With Breach
of the Peace and Bond
Fixed at \$500****Prisoner Pleads Not Guilty
in Firm Voice—Shares
Pen With Proletariat
Charged With Minor
Offenses.**

Harold C. Schwarm was awakened from his slumber in a cell at the police station at 11:40 o'clock this morning and heard Chief of Detectives William P. McCue read a warrant charging perjury. The warrant was issued by Prosecutor Joseph G. Woods and alleged that on March 19, 1921, the accused obtained at the town clerk's office from A. L. Thompson, a legal document, in the form of a marriage license, under the name of "Reginald M. De Vere, junior." The applicant claimed to be a practicing physician at Washington, D. C., and that he was the son of Reginald M. Van de Vere, Sr., and Helen Allice Astor. The warrant sets forth that with the knowledge that the crime of perjury had been committed in securing the license, the accused afterward wed Lillian Willkomerson of New York. The warrant was read to Schwarm in the presence of Sergeant George C. Ellinger. Throughout the reading of the warrant, Schwarm kept his eyes fixed on the police officers. When he was told that the warrant meant re-arrest, and that bonds had been fixed at \$2,000, Schwarm simply nodded his head. He then said, "I would like to confer with my attorney."

As the big door of the cell slammed Schwarm lay back on the hard board plan, resting his head on his coat, which he used as a pillow.

It is now probable that the technical charge of breach of peace, under which he was arraigned in police court, will be dropped tomorrow, when he is put to plea on the charge of perjury. Detective Sergeant McCue is working hard on the case, and there are indications that Schwarm will face an additional charge of bigamy, within the next few hours. Sergeant McCue has information to show Schwarm married Miss Catherine Lynn of Roxbury, Mass., on December 24, 1918, in the Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass. The police official has learned that Schwarm has never been divorced or legally separated from the Lynn woman, and that the marriage to the Willkomerson woman in this city in 1921 was a bigamous one.

Schwarm, it is understood maintains that his marriage to the Lynn woman was annulled in the Massachusetts courts. He also claims that the Lynn woman has visited at his home in Newark, N. J. and had tried to influence his wife into securing a divorce from him.

In Police Court Today.

All titles of nobility were cast aside in police court this morning and it was plain Harold C. Schwarm, the former factory employe and chef's assistant, who was put to plea on a technical charge of breach of the peace, and not "Prince Louis Henri de Chateroux de Bussigny de Bourbon," here apparent to the French through, former aide to the czar, former general in the Russian army, etc., under which titles, it is alleged, he had at various times masqueraded.

The "prince" stood up and in clear tones pleaded "not guilty" in a voice that combined emphasis and indignation when Clerk of Court Emil J. Danberg read the warrant charging him with "disturbing and breaking the peace," a technical charge. After a discussion between Attorney Saul P. Waskowitz, who will defend Schwarm, and Prosecuting Attorney Joseph G. Woods, who is collecting the state's evidence, the case was continued to Thursday morning in bonds of \$500.

News that the masquerader of noblemen had been captured and was to be arraigned in court this morning spread about the city rapidly yesterday and as a result all seating room in court was taken up early this morning. Cases of lesser importance were disposed of before Prosecutor Woods handed the Schwarm warrant to Clerk Danberg. When the clerk read out the name of "Harold Schwarm," there was a rustling of feet and a craning of necks towards the prisoners' pen where the "prince" was sharing the rough board bench with a quintet of drunks and fighters picked up over the week end by the police.

Schwarm's appearance was in marked contrast to the pictures which had been circulated by the past six months, depicting him in the robes and trappings of a nobleman and as an army officer of high rank. His hair was disheveled, he was badly in need of a shave and although he wore a collar, he had no tie.

Prosecuting Attorney Woods told the court that while Schwarm is now held only on a technical charge of breach of the peace, other charges will follow. Judge Alling inquired as to the nature of the new charges so that they might be considered in fixing a bond. The prosecutor replied that he will be brought into court again to answer a complaint of perjury.

Chief of Police W. C. Hart told Judge Alling that he is awaiting in-

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